

RESOLUTION NO. 124-2007

WHEREAS, members of the US Conference of Mayors have taken great measures in and outside of their community to combat and reduce global emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has concluded that human activity has contributed greatly to the emission of pollutants; and

WHEREAS, the average sea level increase has been 4 inches a year in the 20th century and nine of the ten hottest years in history have occurred in the last decade; and

WHEREAS, the climate devastation humans caused will increase the likelihood of floods, droughts, and concentrations of smog; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2005, the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to address climate disruption, went into effect in the 141 countries that have ratified it to date, 38 of those countries are now legally required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on average 5.2% below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, with less than five percent of the world's population, is responsible for approximately 25% of the world's global warming pollutants; and

WHEREAS, the Kyoto Protocol emissions reduction target for the U.S. would have been 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, many top companies in the US have adopted socially responsible stances on the environment and prefer timetables and specific goals regarding the environmental standards; and

WHEREAS, bi partisan support is essential to pass such legislation; and

WHEREAS, mayors from around the nation have signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement which, as amended at the 73rd Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting, reads:

The US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

- a. We urge the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, including efforts to: reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-

efficient technologies such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, waste to energy, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, efficient motor vehicles, and biofuels;

b. We urge the U.S. Congress to pass bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation that includes 1) clear timetables and emissions limits and 2) a flexible, market-based system of tradable allowances among emitting industries; and

c. We will strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and communities such as:

1. Adopt and enforce land use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities
2. Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for carpooling and public transit;
3. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
4. Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages, convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
5. Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
6. Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO₂; and
7. Help educate the public, schools, and other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the U.S. Conference of Mayors endorses the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement as amended by the 73rd annual U.S. Conference of the Mayors meeting and urges mayors from around the nation to join this effort

Be It Further Resolved, the U.S. Conference of Mayors will work in conjunction with ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability and other appropriate organizations to track progress and implementation of the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement as amended by the 73rd annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting.

PASSED COUNCIL

December 10 2007
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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK